



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **Confirmation No. 4044**  
Akihisa HONGO et al. : Attorney Docket No. 2003\_1822A  
Serial No. 10/735,771 : Group Art Unit 1763  
Filed December 16, 2003 : Examiner Sylvia Macarthur  
SUBSTRATE PROCESSING APPARATUS : **Mail Stop AMENDMENT**  
AND SUBSTRATE PROCESSING METHOD

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**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed December 8, 2006, the time for responding thereto being extended for (1) month in accordance with a Petition for Extension submitted herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows: